



THE BIG DEAL

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Hey, lil' sister, thanks for bailing me out!

Creep!

This is the last time!

Look, Janet, I was innocent. It was a misunderstanding.

That's a crock, Ronnie, and you know it. You're a lousy con man.


How did you get out a day early?

It was set for tomorrow and *you* messed me up.

I sweet talked them into letting me out today.


I have to meet Bob Williams in 20 minutes. He's got a deal for you that you *might* be interested in.

Sounds good. Lead the way, baby sister.




Bob, this is my brother, Ronnie.
I hope you don't mind him joining us.

Not at all, Janet. I'm happy
to meet you, Ronnie.



Janet told me all about you.

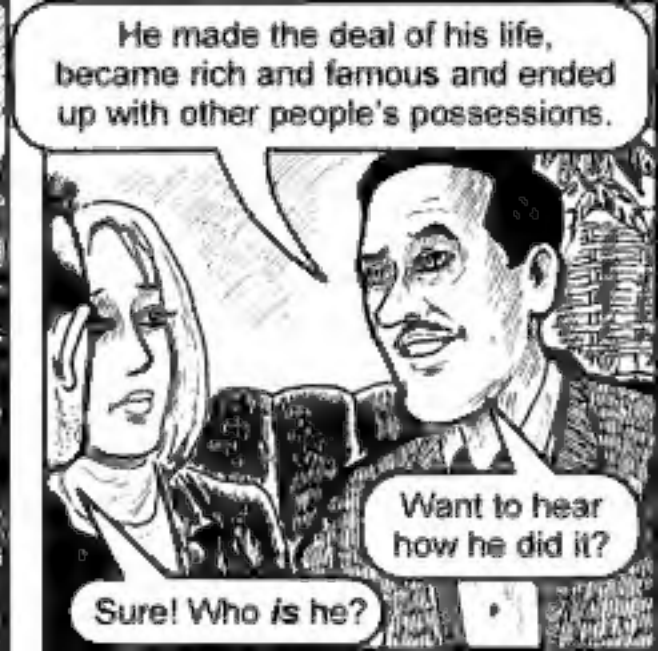
Thanks a *lot*, Janet!

A black and white comic book panel showing three people sitting at a table in a restaurant. A woman in the center is speaking to a man on the left and another man on the right. The man on the left has a speech bubble that says "I'm dead!". The woman has a large speech bubble at the top of the panel that says "I told him all about your sleazy deals, lies and all the people you cheated." The man on the right has a speech bubble at the bottom that says "Not really, Ronnie. I know about a guy just like you...".

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A black and white comic book panel showing a close-up of a man and a woman. The man is on the right, smiling slightly, and has a speech bubble that says "He made the deal of his life, became rich and famous and ended up with other people's possessions." The woman is on the left, looking at him with a neutral expression. She has a speech bubble at the bottom that says "Sure! Who is he?". The man has another speech bubble at the bottom right that says "Want to hear how he did it?".

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Want to hear how he did it?

Sure! Who *is* he?

Twin brothers were born to a man named Isaac. (See Genesis 25:21-24)



The first born was Esau... a mighty man. He was very strong, with skills that his father admired, but he wasn't too bright.



His brother, Jacob, was different. He was gentle and a good cook... and like his mother, he was a schemer.

Ronnie, Jacob was sharp like you.
Now the **one** thing Jacob was
after was Esau's birthright.*



He'd do *anything* to get it.


*Birthright: the right of inheritance to control
the family's wealth.

One day, Esau returned from a hunt...
He felt like he was starving, so Jacob
took advantage and made him a deal.



Esau, you can eat everything on the
table, but it'll cost you your birthright.

Would he be dumb enough to do it?




It's a deal! I'm starving and I *can't* eat my birthright!

I swear!

You swear?

Esau gave away his key position in the family. Now Jacob was number one.



Hey, that's *my* kind of guy.

Ronnie, wait till you hear about his next swindle.

I *gotta* hear this.

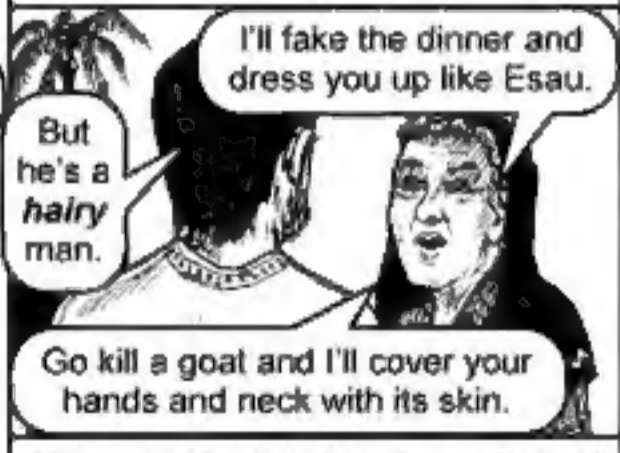
Isaac was old, blind and thought he was going to die. So he called Esau to his tent.

Kill a deer and make me my favorite supper and I'll give you my blessing.*



*The blessing prophesied his future greatness.

Their mother overheard this. She wanted Jacob to get the blessing.



I'll fake the dinner and dress you up like Esau.

But he's a *hairy* man.

Go kill a goat and I'll cover your hands and neck with its skin.

If Esau got back before they pulled off this scam, Jacob's life was in danger.

When Jacob delivered the dinner to Isaac, the old man was suspicious and checked him out.



Jacob and his mother pulled it off. Isaac enjoyed the meal and gave Jacob his blessing.

Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee... be lord over thy brethren.



Cursed be everyone that curses thee and blessed be he that blesses thee.

As soon as the blessing ended, Jacob ran out of the tent.

Just then Esau walked in

Father here's your dinner
Where's my blessing?

Who
are you?

I'm Esau your first born

Impossible! I just gave
someone my blessing

And he will be blessed!

It was Jacob! I'll kill him for this!

Jacob was scared to death
His mom told him to leave
before he got hurt



She told him to go to her brother
Laban and they'd contact him
when things got better

As Jacob was leaving his father
gave him this command



You marry one of Laban's
daughters and the blessing of
my father Abraham be with you

On his journey, God met Jacob in a dream.

I'll bless you and bring you back to possess all this land

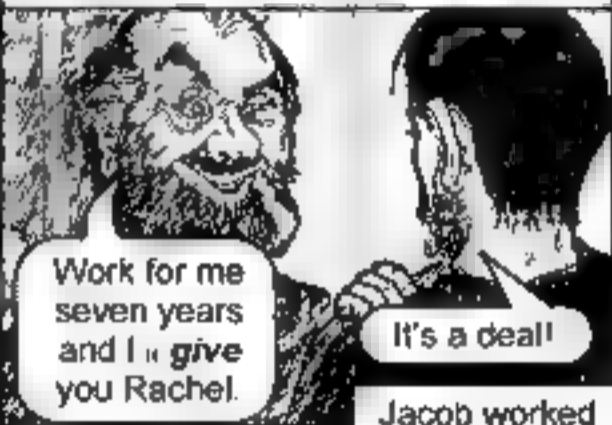
When Jacob got up, he was afraid. This was a *holy* place and it was *here* that he made a deal with God

God, if you take care of me and bring me back safe

then you'll be *my* God

Jacob had no idea what was coming

Jacob fell in love with Laban's youngest daughter, Rachel



It's a deal!

Work for me seven years and I will give you Rachel.

Jacob worked

hard and the years passed like days. The wedding finally came and Jacob took his bride into his tent.

The next morning, Jacob got the shock of his life. It wasn't Rachel in his bed.



Leah!!... Where's my wife?

You married me, not Rachel!

Laban had conned the con man! Jacob was furious and faced Laban.




Jacob it is our custom to always
marry the oldest girl first

But what about Hagar?

She'll cost you
another seven years

Jacob had no choice. Since he
had two wives and another
seven years of hard labor



What a dirty deal
I love the guy I share!

But he was on a
collusion course
with Job

Jacob's family grew. He now had eleven sons and one daughter.



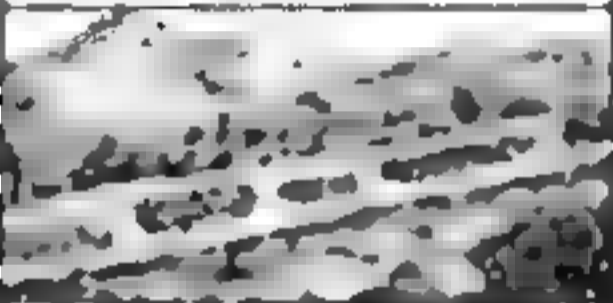
God made his flocks grow even larger than Laban's and his uncle became jealous.

It was then that God told Jacob to return home. They took everything they owned and left.



Laban was furious, but God sent Laban a dream and told him to back off, and he did.

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When they finally met Esau ran to Jacob kissed him and hugged him All hatred was gone



See Gen 27:33

Rachel had one more son giving him the 12 tribes of Israel

Ronnie Jacob left home with nothing and came home with everything



That was a good deal




I've got a **better** deal for you. How would you like riches unspeakable

OWN a mansion and become a ruler of nations?

God's Promise:

For Believers: - Eternal Life (John 3:16) • Mansion (John 14:2) • Joint Heirs (Rom 8:17) • Crown (1 Tim 4:8)
For Unbelievers: • The Lake of Fire (Rev 21:8)



What?? I'd be an idiot to turn *that* down.

What's the catch?

Ronnie, like it or not, you'll be in hell as soon as you die.

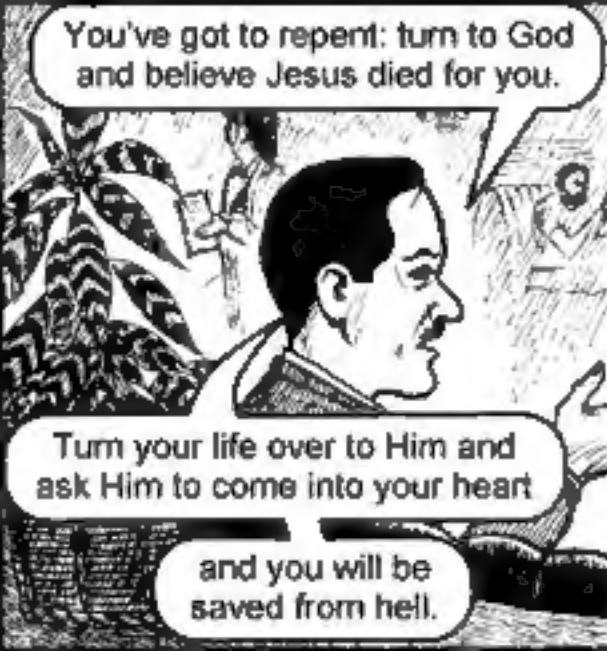
But God set up a *deal* for you!
He sent His Son Jesus from heaven to save your neck.

You see, Jesus came to this earth to suffer and be put to death for your sins.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

He shed His precious blood to wash away your sins. 3 days later He arose from the dead.


Now, here's the catch!

A black and white illustration of a man with a mustache, wearing a suit, speaking to a crowd. He is shown in profile, gesturing with his right hand. The background shows a crowd of people, some with their hands raised.

You've got to repent: turn to God
and believe Jesus died for you.

Turn your life over to Him and
ask Him to come into your heart

and you will be
saved from hell.

A black and white illustration of a man and a woman sitting at a table. The man is on the right, looking towards the woman on the left. The woman has a serious expression.

Ronnie, after you do that you'll
get all those blessings.

That's God's deal.
Take it or leave it!

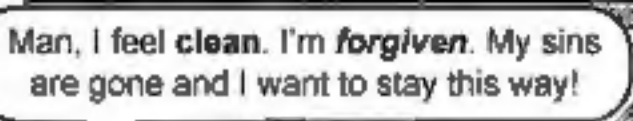
I'd be *nuts* to turn
Him down.



Lord Jesus,
I surrender.

I'm a terrible
sinner.

Please come
into my heart.
Save me and
change my life.



Man, I feel **clean**. I'm *forgiven*. My sins
are gone and I want to stay this way!



I'm on my way to heaven! This is
the **greatest** deal I've ever made!

"For whosoever shall call upon the name
of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

